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<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Date Confiscated</u>	
MS DERBENT	November 1950	
MS KURSK	May 1951	
MB STORM, 300 hp	June 1951	
Passenger MBs 16, 17 and 18	September 1951	
Small passenger MBs BISTRIS and WOSOWETZ	September 1951	
SS KAUKASUS (Passenger ship)	November 1951	
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Dredger VORWAERTS

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2. From its formation in 1946 until 1952, the Soviet DDSG carried largely goods from USIA industries to the USSR. Representative cargoes were: cable, construction goods, stone, lumber and machines. During this period, Soviet DDSG tankers also hauled kerosene from Giurgiu, Rumania, to Bratislava, Czechoslovakia². Under current trade agreements, between Rumania and Czechoslovakia, the Rumanian shipping company NAVROM is now handling the kerosene shipments.
3. Vessels Retained by Soviet DDSG. As of 31 January 1955, all vessels of the Soviet DDSG had been ordered to be ready for the 1955 shipping season. The disposition of the various vessels on 20 January was as follows:

<u>Type and Name of Vessel</u>	<u>Disposition</u>	
Tugboats: SS KRONSTADT		
SS MORJAK	Has been rebuilt to burn oil	
SS VLADIVOSTOK	Won't be ready before March 1955	
SS MOSKVA	Won't be ready before end of April 1955	
Tankers []	Freudenau Harbor	
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